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Hepburn, Fondas Will Star in Movie Filmed at Squam Lake Cottage

By GORDON KING

HOLDERNESS — Filming of the multi-million dollar movie "On Golden Pond" featuring Oscar winners Henry Fonda, Katharine Hepburn and Jane Fonda is scheduled to start here on July 15.

Pre-production work began this weekend when several tons of equipment were moved to the filming location, a privately-owned cottage overlooking a secluded cove on Squam Lake.

Directing the movie will be Mark Rydell whose screen credits include "The Cowboys" starring the late John Wayne and the current hit "The Rose" featuring Bette Midler.

"On Golden Pond" will be

produced by IPC Films, the production company owned by Miss Fonda and Bruce Gilbert. The two have paired before to produce the box office hits "The China Syndrome" and the Oscar winning "Coming Home." They have just completed a third feature, "9 to 5", which will be released at Christmas time. The Holderness made film will be distributed by IPC-Marble Arch Distributors.

Construction coordinator Gary Martin said finding the Squam Lakes site "was a piece of sheer luck." The script, which is currently undergoing a major rewrite, calls for a Victorian type cottage overlooking a quiet lake,



HENRY FONDA



KATHARINE HEPBURN



JANE FONDA

according to Martin. He said production designer Stephen Grimes looked at cottages on several lakes in New Hampshire before making the final determination.

Most of the film will be shot at the cottage. Some scenes will take place inside a typical New England colonial-type church. "We are still scouting the Lakes Region for the church which will be used," Martin said.

Total production costs were not disclosed, but Martin said the on-location budget will be in excess of \$11 million. Very few extras will be hired as the movie has a small cast. A few will be used for scenes which require tourists in boats in the background. An estimated 60 people will be hired

as production personnel.

Although most of the casting for the film is complete, a young, well-known actor who will have a feature role in the film has yet to sign his contract. Martin said he expects the contract will be signed within a few days.

The cottage selected will undergo extensive remodeling before the filming starts. Martin said the one-story cottage will have its roof raised and be made into a two-story true Victorian style home for the movie. It has been rented for the summer from the owner who does not plan to use it this year.

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used at western timber sites. At home he whistles to signal the noon lunch break.

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weekend were Miss Hepburn, Miss Fonda, and several other members of

the Fonda family who were here to look at the film setting and to locate homes for themselves while the film is being made.

Production headquarters have been established at the Brickyard Mountain Inn at Weirs Beach.

Kids - it's Father's Day and Benjamin's is having its contest again . . .

Remember Dad with your own story, draw a picture or write a poem about him. Bring it to Benjamin's, let us put it into the window, so Dad and friends can see your entry, and on Saturday June 14 we'll have the judging of the entries. The winners